

# St Margaret's C.E.P. School

## Newsletter

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### Staffing

We say farewell to Mrs Ball and Miss Nelson today. The pupils they have been supporting are now transferring to secondary school. Thank you to them for their contribution to the school in so many ways. I know Miss Nelson's breakfasts will be missed but we wish her all the best as she starts a new job in a 600 pupil primary school in Essex.

### Breakfast Club

From September, places for breakfast club will need to be booked and paid for in advance. We are asking that by Thursday 3pm, places are booked for the following week. We hope to have the new system up and running from the second week back. For Fri 3rd Sep, please e-mail the school office to let us know if a place is required.

### Discovery Performance

This year, Year 6, assisted by Year 5, performed 'A Midsummer Night's Disaster', written and directed by Mrs Breslin. A huge thank you for her commitment to pull off a performance whilst taking account of COVID restrictions. The play was filmed by Nick Arthur and Jo Manser—thanks to them too. Well done and many congratulations to the whole cast.... and Mrs Breslin.

### Last Wednesday

It really was a delight to see every class enjoying their special day last week. From mini-beasts to a pirate treasure hunt and 36 delicious pizzas prepared and baked before

12.30pm (well done Miss Nelson for quite an achievement... there was only room in the oven for 4 at a time!), I am sure a few memories were made. Well done for the great costumes too!

### Church Service

It was terrific to be able to hold a service again in the church earlier today. Various end of year awards were presented. Many congratulations to:

Edward Chapman who received the Bridle Sporting Cup

Joshua Johnson who was awarded the Wenban Trophy for Performing Arts

Lily Antley who was presented with the Marsh Arts Shield and

Claudia Relle who received the Van Mol Award for consistently high academic achievement.

We wish every Year 6 every success for September and the future. Thank you to the Year 6 parents for the terrific new bench and plant shared with the children on Monday. The message on it reads: 'Where friends and memories meet. From the class of 2021.'

**Finally**, as we come to the end of another academic year, it has been anything but just 'another'! It is hard to believe that back in September experts were of the opinion that school life would return to normality within weeks but by Christmas we were faced with further home learning for much of terms 3 and 4.

I have had the privilege of the Headship of this school for now 16 years and this year has been like no other!

The school community has been impacted in so many ways. We continue to wish Ms Findlay a complete recovery.

Throughout this, by being generous with their time, the teaching and support staff have done their utmost to provide responsive and effective learning. There is no doubt that the impact on pupils is evident. Our plans for next year will very much be focusing on ensuring we build on the progress made this year. Children have been impacted not only from 2 substantial lockdowns but also the way in which the school has had to operate. The art of co-operation, tolerance of other opinions, manners and perseverance appear to have declined somewhat. However, I would like to add that we were starting from a very strong place!

September will bring new challenges but with a good rest and time to just switch off for a few weeks, we will return on September 1st well prepared ready for children on Friday 3rd.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you for the supportive comments and acts of generosity over the last 18 months. The £2000+ raised in term 5 was just one example but there are many many more which could be mentioned.

On behalf of the staff and governing body, may I wish you all a fun filled family time during the summer break. Stay safe and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Friday 3rd September.